

Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – November 2, 2021

Read below for topics covered or view the [full video](#) for detailed information.

COVID-19 Booster Updates

- Any of the COVID-19 vaccines can be used for booster vaccination, regardless of the vaccine product used for primary vaccination. For more information, visit this [CDC page](#) and review this [COVID-19 booster infographic](#).
- Moderately and severely immunocompromised people aged ≥18 years who completed an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received an additional mRNA vaccine dose may receive a single COVID-19 booster dose (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna or Janssen) at least 6 months after completing their third mRNA vaccine dose. If Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is used as the fourth dose, providers should administer 50µg in 0.25ml.
- Moderately and severely immunocompromised people aged ≥18 years who received a single dose Janssen COVID-19 vaccine primary series should receive a single COVID-19 booster vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna or Janssen) at least 2 months (8 weeks) after receiving their initial Janssen primary dose. If the Moderna vaccine is used in this circumstance, the booster dose and dose volume should be used (50µg in 0.25ml). A person who received one primary dose of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine should not receive more than two COVID-19 vaccine doses.
- New Standing Orders have been posted by [Moderna](#), [Janssen](#), and [Pfizer](#) to include language about booster doses and an updated [Quick Reference Guide](#) is now available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- All order requests for Moderna COVID-19 vaccine approved after 10:15 am ET (9:15 am CT) on October 22nd will receive double ancillary supplies with each order. The purpose of this modification is to support booster half dose administration. For more information, please review the DSHS email sent on 10/29/21, titled “Update on Extended Expiry Dates for Select Lots of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.”

A Word from the VacShipments Team

- Vials of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine should not be punctured more than 20 times, regardless of the type of dose (full dose, booster) that is being administered.
- COVID-19 vaccine wastage should be reported as whole doses. Each dose administered, whether it is a half dose or a full dose, counts against the total possible wastage of 10 doses (for Moderna-10) and 14 doses (for Moderna-14). Please review the [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Wastage Tables](#) for more information.
- DSHS’ three new job aids ([VAOS Job Aid Catalog](#), [VAOS Tips & Tricks Job Aid](#), and [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Wastage Tables](#)) can be found on DSHS [Vaccine Management Resources page](#).

Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Session Live Q&A:

- I have heard multiple persons, including the Moderna manufacturer, state that vials of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine should not be punctured more than 20 times. What is the reason for this limitation?
- What is the turnaround time on shipments of COVID-19 vaccines once an order request has been placed in VAOS?
- Is there any current guidance regarding an additional dose of the primary series or booster dose for individuals under the age of 18?

